

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

**Board of Visitors Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, May 15, 2006**

**MINUTES**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Monday, May 15, 2006, at 12:00 noon, in the Board Room of Webb University Center on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Executive Committee were:

James A. Hixon, Rector  
Kendra M. Croshaw  
Conrad M. Hall  
Ross A. Mugler  
Katherine A. Treherne

Absent from the Committee: Pat Tsao  
Patricia M. Woolsey

Also present from the Board: Robert O. Copeland  
Pamela C. Kirk  
Michael P. Gembitski (*Student Representative*)

Also present: Roseann Runte, President  
John P. Broderick  
Nancy Cooley  
C. Tabor Cronk  
Stephen Daniel  
Robert L. Fenning  
Donna Meeks  
Jennifer Mullen  
Philip Walzer (*The Virginian Pilot*)

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and asked for approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 13, 2006. Ms. Croshaw noted a correction to the meeting location on page one of the minutes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved, as amended, by all committee members present and voting. (Croshaw, Hall, Hixon, Mugler, Treherne)

## **RECTOR'S REPORT**

The Rector complimented President Runte and the administration on the successful Spring Commencement ceremonies.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President introduced John P. Broderick, Acting Vice Provost, who provided a comprehensive report on the University College initiative. He described the philosophy behind the University College concept as a way of meeting the needs of the “millennial” college student. He reviewed the four major components of a University College and the unique features planned for Old Dominion University. President Runte noted that the University College initiative received unanimous approval by the Faculty Senate. In response to a question from the Rector, Dr. Broderick explained that the University College is geared not only to first-year students, but will also address the needs of transfer students and upperclassmen.

Nancy Cooley, Acting Provost for Distance Learning, reported on recent achievements and new initiatives in Distance Learning. She noted that 65 TELETECHNET students visited the Norfolk campus in order to attend Commencement, and that the first Ph.D. in Community College Leadership was awarded to one of those students. New initiatives underway include the development of an adjunct instructor training tool for the Department of English, an online Criminal Justice program with a minor in Psychology for implementation in the Fall, a pilot program on the use of video iPods for certain master's degree programs, and new instructional delivery methods such as Voice-Over-Internet Protocol and video streaming. She noted the planned opening of a new distance learning site at Germanna Community College and the opportunity for another site at South Boston Community College.

President Runte distributed her Annual Report to the Committee. She reported on the approval of the new Ph.D. program in Chemistry and the purchase of new equipment that allows ODU to conduct specialized studies. She distributed a list of the equipment as well as a description of a methane gas study that was performed for the state using some of this equipment.

The President reported on the financial campaign and provided updates on football and the Community Development Corporation initiative. She noted a recent donation by David and Susan Goode to support programming associated with the new Folk Art Collection. She also mention the football tailgate party planned for May 31 and the identification of a significant project that will be done under the auspices of the Community Development Corporation.

President Runte discussed the current budget situation and contingency plans should the General Assembly fail to pass a budget before July 1. The Committee concurred that a preliminary budget should be presented to and approved by the Board at its meeting on June 16, and that the Executive Committee should be authorized to subsequently approve adjustments, as may be necessary, once the state budget bill is passed. It was noted that this action would need to be ratified by the full Board at its meeting in September.

President Runte reported on enrollment and marketing efforts, noting that enrollment has increased for all categories of students. She discussed the ongoing activities of the 15 subcommittees of the Enrollment Management Commission. The staff is now evaluating these efforts, and has concluded that the assistance of an outside consultant is needed. Mr. Copeland requested information on the correlation between student enrollment and funding. President Runte agreed to report on this at the next meeting.

Vice President Fenning reported on the Bookstore RFP process and announced that Follett Higher Education Group was awarded the 15-year contract, which officially begins on June 1. Follett representatives are discussing employment opportunities with current Barnes & Noble employees and are working with the administration on a seamless transition. The new manager will be announced soon. Plans are underway to relocate the Bookstore to the University Village and to expand services to include a trade book component.

Vice President Fenning provided a brief construction update. He indicated that the administration is awaiting the state's budget approval as it relates to appropriation authority for a number of construction projects. Some of these projects have been delayed due to the budget impasse, and there are concerns over increasing construction costs. He provided a status report on the Technology Building and Batten Arts and Letters Building renovation projects.

Goody Clancy, the consultants hired by the City of Norfolk for the Central Hampton Boulevard Area Study, will present their findings at a meeting at St. Patrick's School later in the week. Vice President Fenning commented that he will also make a presentation at this meeting on Old Dominion's campus transformation.

At the conclusion of her report, President Runte announced a gift from the estate of E.V. Williams and a proposed naming opportunity for the Board's consideration at the meeting in June.

### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Rector asked if there was any old or unfinished business to come before the Committee. There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Rector asked if there was any new business to come before the Committee. There was none.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.